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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/229,173; Filed: January 13, 1999
For: **Cloned DNA Polymerases from *Thermotoga maritima* and
Mutants Thereof**
Inventor: Deb K. CHATTERJEE
Our Ref: 0942.2800008/RWE/RCM

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
3. PTO Form-1449 and copy of one (1) document cited therein;
4. Our Check 27460 for \$240.00 to cover: IDS Late Filing Surcharge; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

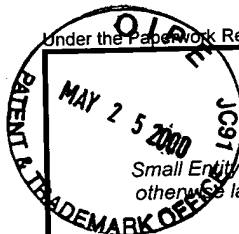
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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otherwise large entity fees must be paid. See Forms PTO/SB/09-12.
See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

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| Application Number | 09/229,173 |
| Filing Date | January 13, 1999 |
| First Named Inventor | Deb K. CHATTERJEE |
| Examiner Name | To be assigned |
| Group / Art Unit | 1643 |
| Attorney Docket Number | 0942.2800008/RWE/RCM |

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

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| 101 | 690 | 201 | 345 | Utility filing fee | |
| 106 | 310 | 206 | 155 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 480 | 207 | 240 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 690 | 208 | 334 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 | 75 | Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| | Extra | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Total Claims - 20** = | X | | |
| Indep. Claims - 3** = | X | | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | |

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 78 | 202 | 39 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 260 | 204 | 130 | Multiple dependent claim |
| 108 | 78 | 209 | 39 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 380 | 216 | 190 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 870 | 217 | 435 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,360 | 218 | 680 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,850 | 228 | 925 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 300 | 219 | 150 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 300 | 220 | 150 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 260 | 221 | 130 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,210 | 241 | 605 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,210 | 242 | 605 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 430 | 243 | 215 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 580 | 244 | 290 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 240 | 126 | 240 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | 240.00 |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 760 | 246 | 380 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 760 | 249 | 380 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Deb K. CHATTERJEE

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For: **Cloned DNA Polymerases From *Thermotoga maritima* and Mutants Thereof**

Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: To be assigned

Atty. Docket: 0942.2800008

Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not

exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that was cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

- ☐ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.
 - ☐ a. I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).
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 - ☒ c. Attached is our Check No. 27460 in the amount of \$240.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- ☐ 3. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. A separate Petition to the Group Director, requesting consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, is concurrently submitted herewith, along with our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

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- ☐ 4. The document(s) was/were cited in a search report by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Submission of an English language version of the search report that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is provided in satisfaction of the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. 1138 OG 37, 38.
- ☐ 5. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:
- ☐ 6. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.
- ☐ 7. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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